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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: October 13, 2015

DATE: September 21, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Dave Solaro, Arch., P.E., Director
Community Services Department, 328-3600, dsolaro@washoecounty.us
THROUGH: Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk on behalf of the Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Approve a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 100 (Buildings and Construction) by adjusting current building-permit fees, in light of the proposed regional technology fee; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

The Community Services Department, through the County Clerk, requests (pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030) to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 100 (Buildings and Construction) by adjusting current building-permit fees, in light of the proposed regional technology fee requested as a part of the regional license and permit platform. If the request is approved, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) is asked to direct the County Clerk to submit a request to the District Attorney to draft a proposed ordinance amending the code. When the proposed ordinance is complete, the County Clerk will commence proceedings by setting an Introduction and First Reading.

Strategic Objective supported by this item: Regional and Community Leadership.

PREVIOUS ACTION

July 14, 2009 – The Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 1414 increasing building permit fees effective August 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Washoe County Code (WCC) section 2.030, amendments to the Washoe County Code must be initiated by a request from the head of a department of the County to the County Clerk. Upon receiving the request, the County Clerk, under WCC 2.040, places the request on an agenda for consideration by the Board who would consider the request (and may hear testimony from the proposer or any other person regarding the proposed changes), and by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting, may approve the request with any changes the Board desires. If approved, the Board would

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then direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, and, under WCC 2.050, when the District Attorney has completed the proposed ordinance the County Clerk would put the proposed ordinance on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board in accordance with the adoption procedures set out in NRS 244.100.

As indicated in the attached letter, the Community Services Department has requested an amendment to the Washoe County Code (Chapter 100- Buildings and Construction) for review and possible lowering of the fees associated with building permits in association with the implementation of the regional license and permit platform.

It is anticipated that the current permitting fees will be reduced by at least 4% which is the proposed regional technology fee.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed code changes are not expected to increase costs. This ordinance is exempt from the Business Impact Statement pursuant to NRS 237.060 (2)(c).

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that The Board of County Commissioners approve a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 100 (Buildings and Construction) by adjusting current building-permit, in light of potential impacts of the proposed regional technology fee; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a request to initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 100 (Buildings and Construction) by adjusting the current building-permit fees, in light of the potential impacts of the proposed regional technology fee; and direct the County Clerk to submit the request to the District Attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance, pursuant to Washoe County Code Section 2.030 and 2.040."



Washoe County COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

September 21, 2015

Nancy Parent
Washoe County Clerk
P.O. Box 11130
Reno, NV 89520

RE: Request to initiate proceedings to amend the Washoe County Code (Chapter 100-Buildings and Construction).

Dear Ms. Parent,

In accordance with WCC 2.030, I request that you initiate proceedings to amend Washoe County Code Chapter 100 (Buildings and Construction) by adjusting the current building permit fees, in light of the potential impacts of a regional technology fee proposed for the Regional License and Permit Platform project.

Attached is a proposed staff report requesting that the Board of County Commissioners approve the request and instruct you to direct the District Attorney to prepare a code amendment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Solaro".

David M. Solaro
Director